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direction. It is necessary that there should be a standardization of the medicines which are used in the Unani and other systems of medicine. Before we can attempt it what is the good of being drawn away to many other systems. I am not opposed to researches. It has been the policy to improve the sphere of activity in the educational department through private effort even after long years of education. Even so it must take pretty long time before Government can take this foreign and alien system of medicine into this country. Let there be more and more private interest in this regard and let the result be tested by the allopathic system to see how far this could be given precedence, not even precedence but to see whether money could be spent on it. So instead of diverting attention to new spheres of activity let the old be encouraged, augmented and strengthened. There is the Indian School of Medicine. What is being done? Every time the Finance Member says, 'no funds.' We cannot get buildings. We cannot get assistance. We cannot increase the number of beds in the Indian School of Medicine which is most inefficient. I do not cast any aspersions on the officers there. But in the matter of equipment, in the matter of the number of beds, in the matter of medicines and in the matter of several requirements of a decent hospital it is utterly lacking. Those systems deserve far more encouragement than the allopathic system. Indian systems of medicine are far cheaper than the allopathic system and it has been proved that the medicines of the Unani and Ayurvedic systems are far more efficacious. When the Government is not able to do that much towards the existing systems of medicine what justification is there for the Government or even any one of us to ask the Government to go on spending money on the investigation of this. Let private effort attend to this. Let the initial stage be over and after it has become deep-rooted and after it has secured reputation in the country then it will be time for the public or the Government to take up that system to see how far it can be taken up by the people of this country. I do not really want that investigation should not be made. But this is not the stage. We shall have to wait for some years to see how far the system justifies to fulfil the legitimate functions. I therefore say we need not devote more time on this."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" Hon. Members are aware that the House is assembling on the 26th instant when the budget will be presented. It is proposed that we should meet a day earlier to transact business connected with the final stages of the City Municipal Bill. The House will therefore adjourn and meet again at 11 o'clock on the 25th instant."

IX.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* *Settlement—Resettlement—Supplement to the Scheme Report of the Kurnool district—Proposals for revision of water-cess in the Kurnool district.*

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